

In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An award bar holder comprising

a generally C-shaped elongated channel member having a flat back panel and side panels that extend toward one another in a forward direction from each longitudinal side edge of the back panel, said back and side panels forming a slide seat for receiving one or more award bars,

at least one pin attached to the back side of the back panel for piercing a fabric-like material on which the holder is to be mounted,

a clasp removably carried on the end of each pin the at least one pin for securing the holder to the ~~fabric~~ fabric-like material by preventing withdrawal of the pin from the ~~fabric~~ fabric-like material,

and a pressure member formed in the back panel of the holder for pushing an award bar disposed in the slide seat in a forward direction against the side panels to prevent the award bar from slipping out of the slide seat, wherein the pressure member is constructed and arranged to bow out of the back panel in a forward direction at each end of the pressure member extending to a middle section which is substantially parallel to the back panel.

2. (Currently Amended) An award bar holder as described in claim 1 wherein the pressure member is a raised segment in the back panel extending forwardly of the plane of the front surface thereof.

3. (Original) An award bar holder as described in claim 1 wherein the member is integrally formed as part of the back panel.

4. (Currently Amended) An award bar and holder combination comprising at least one award bar having a pair of parallel side edges,

a generally C-shaped holder having side walls that overlap the side edges of the award bar so that the side edges are captured under the side walls of the holder,

a pressure member in the holder for bearing against the award bar causing the bar to press against the side walls of the holder to resist sliding of the bar in the holder, wherein the pressure member comprises a smooth camming surface at each end of the pressure member to enable the award bar to slide on and off the pressure member, and

an at least one fastener mounted on the back of the holder for securing the holder to a support.

5. (Original) An award bar and holder combination as defined in claim 4 wherein the holder has a back panel and the pressure member is formed as an integral part of the back panel and bears against the back of the award bar.

6. (Original) An award bar and holder combination as defined in claim 5 wherein the pressure member is a segment of the back panel displaced toward the front of the holder.

7. (Currently Amended) An award bar and holder combination comprising an elongated holder having a back panel with front and back sides and a pair of longitudinally extending top and bottom edges,

a pair of side panels attached to the back panel and extending forward of the front side thereof, said side panels having lips that extend toward one another spaced from and in front of the front face of the back panel,

at least one award bar disposed in the holder on the front side of the back panel and behind the lips of the side panels,

[[and a]] at least one pressure member on the holder urging the award bar to bind on the lips for preventing the bar from sliding off the ends of the holder,

at least one pair of rectangular openings within the back panel, the pair of openings defining between them the at least one pressure member that bows forwardly at each end of the pressure member.

8. (Currently Amended) An award bar and holder combination as described in claim 7 wherein an attaching member is connected [[in]] to the back side of the back panel for mounting the holder on a garment.

9. (Original) An award bar and holder combination as described in claim 8 wherein the attaching member comprises a pair of pins and clasps.

10. (Currently Amended) An award bar and holder combination as described in claim 8 wherein the holder is at least twice as long as [[an]] the award bar for holding two or more of said bars.

11. (Original) An award bar and holder combination as described in claim 8 wherein the pressure member is a plate that projects forwardly of the front side of the back panel.

12. (Currently Amended) An award bar and holder combination as described in claim 7 wherein the holder is sized to simultaneously hold at least three award bars in a row, wherein the award bars in the outermost position of the row define the end award bars, and the at least one pressure member includes pressure members [[are]] provided adjacent the ends of the holder to engage the end award bars in the holder.

13. (Original) An award bar and holder combination as described in claim 8 wherein the pressure member is defined by slots in the back panel that form a plate and the plate is displaced from the plane of the back panel.

14. (Original) An award bar and holder combination as described in claim 7 wherein the back panel, side panels and pressure member are integrally formed from a single metal strip.

15. (New) An award bar holder as described in claim 1 wherein the pressure member comprises a smooth camming surface at each end of the pressure member to enable the award bar to slide on and off the pressure member.

16. (New) An award bar and holder combination as defined in claim 4 wherein the holder has a back panel and the pressure member is constructed and arranged to bow out of the

back panel in a forward direction at each end of the pressure member extending to a middle section which is substantially parallel to the back panel.

17. (New) An award bar and holder combination as described in claim 7 wherein the at least one pressure member comprises a smooth camming surface at each end of the pressure member to enable the award bar to slide on and off the pressure member.

18. (New) An award bar and holder combination as described in claim 7 wherein the pressure member is constructed and arranged to bow out of the back panel in a forward direction at each end of the pressure member extending to a middle section which is substantially parallel to the back panel.